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Yashica J

The Yashica J is a 1961 rangefinder camera. It has a high quality lens and a moderately limited set of shutter speeds. At the time of release, it was considered a budget model, since the better equipped Yashica Lynx 1000 and Yashica Minister Series were being marketed around the same time.

Two sets of frame lines are visible in the viewfinder, one set for infinity focus and the other one for closer focus. There's no automatic parallax correction as on the later Yashica Electro 35 series. The rangefinder is coupled to the focusing ring. This ring has a small lever to make focusing more comfortable. The lens is a fixed 45mm F/2.8 Yashinon with apertures from 2.8 to 16. The minimal focusing distance is 1 meter. There a frame counter around the advance lever, counting up from 1 to 36. On the back a small screw permits adjustment of the rangefinder without opening the body. The Shutter is a Copal blade shutter with speeds of 1/25, 1/50, 1/100, 1/300 Synchronized: x sync at all speeds Weight: approximately 640g

